(15) *Section 33.*—In suits for the recovery of arrears of *michavaram*, the Section gave to the Munsiffs small cause jurisdiction up to Rs. 30 only. Their summary jurisdiction should be raised to Rs. 100, as in the case of ordinary suits.

(16) *Section 36* exempted plaints from court fee. only if the suit was for the recovery of *michavaram* for *one* year, and in other cases, court fee had to be paid. In 75 per cent of the cases, the *michavaram* would be nominal such as an edangali of paddy or a chackram. The Section should be changed so as to make court fee leviable only in suits the value of which exceeded Rs. 100.

(17) *Section 44* prescribed 50 years as the period of limitation for suits for the recovery of the Jenmi's dues. There was no such time-bar in the case of leases for ordinary lands. The Section held out a premium for non-payment of Jenmi's dues. It should therefore be deleted altogether or the period of limitation raised to 100 years.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

IV.—PUBLIC WORKS (*Contd*).

62. The necessity for the removal of the cluster of protruding rocks at Kollakadavu on the Kulakkada river.

Mr. Kanakku Nilakantan Raman (Member, Mavelikara taluk) said that, at Kollakadavu in the Kulakkada river, about three miles from the town of Mavelikara, there were huge clusters of rocks protruding on both sides of the river, about 330 feet long, 25 feet broad and 30 feet high. There were also similar rocks in the bed of the river at the locality, obstructing the current. The river was very narrow at the place and the current fearfully strong. Navigation through the river was therefore very dangerous. During the monsoons, the river overflowed and inundated several thousands of acres of paddy lands on both sides. Cultivation suffered considerably and the danger to life was serious. He therefore requested that early steps might be taken to remove the obstruction.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

63. The necessity for improving and metalling the road from Thamarakulam to Oachira and thence to the Vallikavu Satrom.

Mr. Kanakku Nilakantan Raman (Member, Mavelikara taluk) said that the village roads from the Thamarakulam market—one leading to Oachira and the other to Karunagappalli—were constructed about the year 1042 M. E. Ever since the collapse of the bridges on the roads, no attention had been paid to the roads and much difficulty was being experienced by the people. The Member requested that one of the village roads might be improved and metalled up to the Vallikavu Satrom on the backwater and the bridges on the road also repaired.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

64. The necessity for constructing a bridge over the Kulakkada river on the Mavelikara-Pulikeezh road.

Mr. N. G. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, Mavelikara taluk) said that, as the outcome of the repeated prayers of the people of the taluks of Mavelikara and Thiruvalla, the construction of a road from Mavelikara to Pulikeezh was sanctioned during the time of that large-hearted Dewan Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao. But it was during the present regime that the road was actually laid and the people allowed to enjoy the incalculable benefits from it. Such and similar boons conferred on the country and its people through the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly were by no means few or small. The importance of such an institution, and the greatness of its President, the present Dewan, who was ever ready to attentively listen to the grievances of the people and to afford the necessary relief, were being known by those who ought to know them.

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The people did not think that the Popular Assembly was a farce or child's play, or that the Members were actors in that farce. Even since the inception of the Assembly, and more especially in the present administration, there had been a marked improvement in the relation between the public servants and the people. The public servants now entertained a feeling of awe and respect for their official superiors and they were discharging their duties conscientiously and satisfactorily. The representations of the people were all receiving careful and minute attention at the hands of the Government and redress was always readily granted to the extent possible. But, if swayed by a feeling of dissatisfaction that *all* the requests made were not *at once* complied with, any one thought or said that the Assembly was a sham, or that the Members thereof were a privileged body of petitioners, or that the policy of the Government was utterly wrong, surely that could never constitute the *general* opinion either of the Assembly or the public, and he assured the Government that it was not the case. When approaching the Government with a representation of the requirements of the people of any locality, it would certainly not be out of place to give expression to their gratitude; and the consciousness of such a feeling was the justification for the few words he had spoken.

The Member said that the road mentioned above was 8 miles in length, and within that distance, there were three rivers, *viz.*, the Kulakkada, the Pampa and the Manimala, besides two other small canals, to be crossed. The inconveniences felt by the people for want of bridges at those places were great, but the most urgent need was a small bridge over the Kulakkada river at the beginning of the Mavelikara-Pulikeezh road. He also pointed out that the people had incessantly to cross the river and pass over to the southern side owing to the existence of two English High Schools, two Vernacular Higher Grade Elementary Schools, the hospita and the public offices there. There were several markets also on the southern side of the river. He therefore requested that the Government might be pleased to sanction the early construction of a bridge over that part of the river.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

65. The necessity for constructing a jetty at the Mavelikara Arattukadavu.

Mr. P. K. Koshi (Member, T. I. C., Mavelikara) said that the landing place known as the Mavelikara—Arattukadavu was on the side of the Mavelikara river. The flight of steps and the Mantapam at the landing had fallen down. The landing place was a magnificent one and many boats landed there. The public offices at Mavelikara were within a mile from it. He therefore requested that a jetty might be constructed at the place.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

66. Improvement of the means of communication in the Chengannur taluk.

Mr. Koshi Thomas (Member, Chengannur taluk) said that the people of the taluk were very grateful to the Government for having given them the important public offices, schools &c. But he regretted that, in the matter of communications, the taluk had been neglected, though it occupied the first place in point of area. The Main Central Road crossed the taluk over a distance of ten miles. There was no other road worth mentioning. There were several village roads, but none of them had been made cartable. The Member said that he would confine his attention to one road in the current session, and that was the village road from the Kulanada market on the 67th mile of the M. C. Road to the 8th mile of the Adur-Omallur road. It was only 7 miles in length. There were on the line three cattle fairs, three weekly fairs, a *Proverthi* cutcherry and several temples, churches and schools. The road was therefore an important one. He requested that it might be made a cartable road. He added that, if the Government would acquire the lands and construct the culverts on the line, the people would be ready to start and do the work themselves. He then presented a petition signed by the inhabitants of the locality containing the same prayer.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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